

Town of East Windsor
Special Town Meeting
October 6, 2010

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT on October 6, 2010. The meeting was called to order by First Selectmen, Denise Menard at 7:32P.M.

Motion was made by Dale Nelson and seconded by Marie DeSousa to nominate Denise Menard to preside as Moderator. Motion was made by Don Arcari and seconded by Paul Anderson to nominate George Butenkoff to preside as Moderator. Jason Bowsza made a motion to have nominations cease, seconded by Jim Richards. The motion to have nominations cease passed. Denise Menard, 1st Selectman called for a hand count on the motions. Denise Menard had 18 votes & George Butenkoff had 14 votes. Denise Menard will preside as Moderator. Town Clerk, Joanne M. Slater read the call to the meeting. Moderator, Denise Menard read the statement of eligibility to vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Carol Madore.

Item #1: Resolved: To consider and discuss (but not to vote on) an appropriation of \$3,950,000 for (1) the cost of the North Road Sewer Project, including, but not limited to, the construction of sanitary sewer lines to extend sewer service from Shoham Road along North Road to Mullen Road and the construction/reconstruction of a pump station, and all alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith, as well as engineering, architectural and temporary and permanent financing costs, and to meet said appropriation, and in lieu of a tax therefore, the issuance and sale of bonds and notes of the Town pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town Charter or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$3,950,000 or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds therefore and the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell bonds or temporary notes of the Town not to exceed \$3,950,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes and bonds and (2) that the First Selectman be authorized to acquire for the Town by purchase or eminent domain any easements or interests in real property necessary or appropriate to construct or complete the Project. The full text of the resolutions adopted by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance concerning the North Road Sewer Project are available for review at the Town Clerk's office.

All those persons qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen **have removed the above item** on the call of this Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters of the Town who are qualified to vote at Town meetings for "yes" or "no" vote by voting machine on the following question:

Shall the Town of East Windsor appropriate \$3,950,000 for the North Road Sewer Project to finance the construction of sewer pipes from Shoham Road to Mullen Road and a pump station and all alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith, as well as engineering, architectural and temporary and permanent financing costs and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$3,950,000 to finance such appropriation and authorize the First Selectman to acquire by purchase or eminent domain easements or other interests in real property necessary or appropriate to complete the North Road Sewer Project.

The vote will be conducted at the Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, Connecticut and the Town Hall Annex, 25 School Street, East Windsor, Connecticut, as the case may be for voters authorized to vote at such polling places, during the hours between twelve o'clock p.m. (in the absence of a contrary determination at the Town Meeting) and eight o'clock p.m. on October 13, 2010.

Carol Madore moved the resolution, seconded by Jason Bowsza. The following discussion followed:

Denise Menard: Explained that this resolution takes, actually voting on sending this to a referendum, off the table. We have to send this to referendum by State Statue and Town Charter. This resolution also sets the time & place. The place is the usual place, the time will be the time noted in this resolution, which is the time State Statue requires, unless the voters want to vote to change it in the next resolution.

Paul Anderson, Chairman of W.P.C.A.: The informational sheet that has been put out by the town indicates that the project cost is \$3,887,000. with \$63,000. added on for potential costs that might occur. What hasn't been presented yet, is that all costs can be covered by the grant and the loans provided that they come in under the amount of the grant & loan that is offered us. So the \$63,000. is not necessarily going to be paid in addition to the cost of the project. It depends on what the project actually costs.

Fred Moffett: He wanted to know if voting between the hours of 6am to 8pm costs the same as the voting between 12noon to 8pm.

Denise Menard: She believed this to be true, at first, and then she spoke to Linda Sinsigallo, Registrar of Voters. Linda Sinsigallo said it costs less to have the voting from 12noon to 8pm.

Linda Sinsigallo: There is a savings of about \$600. to have voting from 12noon to 8pm.

Fred Moffett: The 6am to 8pm hours of voting will allow these people who have to go to work early a chance to vote, and that is very important.

Denise Menard: The next resolution is where you can vote on the hours of voting.

Kathleen Bilodeau: We have to vote yes or no for this resolution before we can go to the 2nd resolution.

Jim Richards: What does a yes or no vote mean for this resolution that is before us right now?

Denise Menard: This resolution is stating that we can discuss this project and that it is taking the vote of yes or no, to send this to referendum, off the table. Also in this resolution it sets when the referendum will be and the time for it. In the resolution it says "In the absence of a contrary determination at the town meeting". The next resolution is to consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on October 13, 2010. We then will have the option to change the time from what it is now to 6am to 8pm. By voting yes on this resolution you are saying that we are setting it for 12pm to 8pm unless it is changed by the next vote on the next resolution.

John Burnham: Moved the question.

The resolution passed unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Richard Coville.

Item #2: Resolved: To consider and vote on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the polls shall be open at six o'clock a.m. to conduct the referendum on October 13, 2010.

Richard Coville moved the resolution, seconded by John Burnham. The following discussion followed:

Donald Arcari: This is an important project and everyone should have the opportunity to vote. He supports changing the voting hours to 6am to 8pm.

Denise Menard: That is what the Board of Selectmen are proposing as well.

The resolution passed unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Jason Bowsza.

Item #3: At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on September 21, 2010 the following resolution was adopted. **Resolved:** that the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the preparation and printing of a concise explanatory text and the dissemination of other neutral printed material regarding the question to be submitted to the voters at a referendum, on October 13, 2010 concerning the North Road Sewer Project (the "Project"). Such explanatory text shall specify the intent and purpose of the Project and the preparation and printing of such explanatory text and the dissemination of other neutral printed material all shall be in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes. The item to authorize the preparation and printing of the explanatory text on the agenda of the Town Meeting to be held on October 6, 2010 **is hereby removed.**

Jason Bowsza moved the resolution, seconded by Cathy Siminoli. George Butenkoff amended the motion to limit the cost to the town of no more than \$100. for the explanatory text. Motion seconded by Donald Arcari. The following discussion followed:

Denise Menard: Originally the Selectmen were told that maybe they should do explanatory text. Explanatory text is another way of simplifying the text of this resolution to make it easier to read. They had notified in the newspaper to vote on whether to have explanatory text. The Selectmen then decided not to have the explanatory text after getting the informational sheet printed. The informational sheet had all the explanations on it so they didn't want to then confuse the voters with another set of explanations that said the same thing in a different way. We had received approval from the Bonding Attorney and Secretary of the State that the handout that is out now is neutral and gives the voters the information that they need. What this resolution says is, "The item to authorize the preparation and printing of the explanatory text on the agenda of the Town Meeting to be held on October 6, 2010 is hereby removed." This is what we are voting on. We are taking it off the table.

Richard Coville: Understands that this has gone through the Secretary of State and the Bonding Attorney. Every piece of information in this paper is factual. It doesn't tell you how to vote, it is neutral.

Jim Richards: We are voting to not spend more money, so the amendment of the \$100.00 really has no basis. Maybe we should ask the people who made the motion to withdraw it.

George Butenkoff and Donald Arcari withdrew the amendment & the second to the motion to limit the cost to the town of no more than \$100.00 for the explanatory text.

Kathleen Bilodeau: She clarified that if we don't want to spend additional money and create a third document then we should vote yes for this motion.

John Burnham moved the question. The resolution passed unanimously.

George Butenkoff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donald Arcari. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne M. Slater, CCTC

Attest: _____
Town Clerk